(b) if so, the names of the proposed zones;

(c) the places where the Headquarters of these zones would be located; and

(d) which of the existing zones are to be bifurcated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Not only two, but seven new zones are being carved out of the existing zones.

(b) and (c)

Name of the Zone	Headquarter
East Central Railway	Hajipur
East Coast Railway	Bhubaneswar
North Central Railway	Allahabad
North Western Railway	Jaipur
South East Central Railway	Bilaspur
South Western Railway	Hubli
West Central Railway	Jabalpur

(d) All existing zones except North-East Frontier Railway are being reorganised.

Rail-cum-road bridges

388. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rail-cum-road bridges proposed to be constructed in the country during the 4th Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the details of the rail-cum-road bridges which are currently in progress, State-wise; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The new proposals of rail-cum-road bridges during the Plan period are decided from time to time based on traffic requirement and other considerations with the consent of Road Authorities. At present, there is no firm plan regarding the new proposals to be taken up during 10th plan.

(b) and (c) The work of rail-cum-road bridge at Bagaha-Chhitauni in U.P. has recently been completed with completion of road decking. The work of rail-cum-road bridge at Bogibeel in Assam has been taken up and is planned to be completed in a period of 6 years subject to availability of resources. The work of rail bridge at Monghyr in Bihar was included in the Supplementary Budget 1997-98 with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances. However, based on demands, the final location survey has been conducted for rail-cum-road bridge and has recently been completed. The action for obtaining necessary clearances has been initiated. The completion of the work would depend on the availability of resources.

National Projects of the Railways

389. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Railway project considered as national projects indicating the project-cost and the allocation pattern;

(b) the project-wise break-up of the allocation made (i) from 10 per cent budgetary support and (ii) from the internal resources of the Railways for implementation of the on-going projects in the NE Railway; and

(c) the future provision made, proposed to be made to complete the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The work of construction of new broad gauge rail line between Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla section (290 Kms.) has been taken up as a 'National Project'. The approximate estimated cost of the project is Rs. 3244 crores. The pattern of allocation of funds is given as under:—